

Monthly Report

Grantee: Rural Urban Development Initiatives (RUDI)

Report for the month of: October 2011

Based on your grant agreement implementation timeline, the project accomplished the following activities over the past month:

s/n	Activities	Activity Status
1	Training of Business producers operators	During the month our trainer Mr. Emmanuel Samile conducted Business producer's operators for Lumuli, Mangalali and Magubike Associations. 150 farmers received training from October 17 to 19, 2011.
2	Roundtable discussion between Apex leaders and buyers.	During the month discussions between two buyers Evarist Silayo of Union Service Store and Julius Wambura of Fabro enterprises and 54 Association leaders of Handeni and Iringa on grain/flour purchase for 2011 season
3	Analyze/Collect daily price information	Consultant continues to collect daily price information for rice and maize from urban Dar es Salaam markets and disseminate the information to all warehouse managers by sms
4	Training maize drying procedures Mbingu and Iringa Associations	Training on trainers on drying maize procedures conducted to Mbingu 95 (M) and (43 F), Iringa Associations 211 (59 F). Trainer William Riwa. Venue: Amani and SUWA warehouses.
5	Husbandry training Amani and SUWA Associations	Trainer: Ndondole Venue: Amani and SUWA 134 trainees (58 F)
6	Continue monitoring milling machine business	Training conducted to milling machine committee members of SUWA , Mang'ula "A" Vijana Mbasa, Mbingu

Status of the installation of milling machine:

s/n	Association name	Status	District	Expected date to start operation
1	Mang'ula "A" (rice)	Completed and running	Kilombero	
2	Mkasu (rice)	Completed – waiting for electricity	Kilombero	
3	Ifakara (rice)	Completed and running	Kilombero	
4	Mbingu (rice)	Completed and running	Kilombero	
5	Idodi (rice)	Completed and running	Iringa Rural	
6	Mangalali	Completed – waiting electricity	Iringa	

	(maize)	installation	Rural	
7	Suwa (maize)	Completed – waiting for electricity	Handeni	

Additional comments/results:

We are experiencing electricity problem in Tanzania. The power utility in Tanzania (TANESCO) is a parastatal and very inefficient. It takes quite some time to install 3 phase electricity.